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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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Title: DEBT FINANCING FOR COMPANIES

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**2. CONTINUING APPLICATION INFORMATION**

- ☒ This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/243,981, filed October 27, 2000. The entire disclosure of the parent application(s) is/are incorporated herein by reference.
- ☒ No Petition For Extension of Time is necessary to render the parent application co-pending with this application.
- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
This application claims priority, as a non prov. of provisional of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/243,981, filed October 27, 2000. The entire disclosure of the parent application is incorporated herein by reference

**3. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE**

- ☒ The following applications and/or documents are incorporated by reference:  
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**4. FILING FEE**

- ☒ Applicant claims Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 and 1.28(a).

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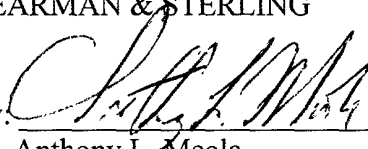
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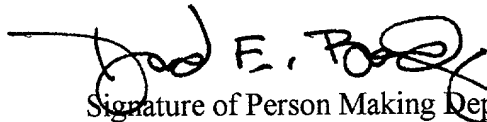
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